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	ATTENTION:	2
		Contract Employee
	SUBJECT: Possible Conflict of Interest of	2
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	1. You have requested our opinion as to the possib	ility of a
	conflict-of-interest situation arising from the following	giacte. Mr.
1A	a contract employee of the Agency.	built 90 units
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1A 1A	social contact. has no stock or other interes	
1A	and states that he built the units for	2
	as a personal favor and will accept compensation for t	he work only
1A	if the's financial situation impro	oves 2
	is also considering the perfection and manufacture for	COMMITTALCIAL
	use of a transistorized receiver.	
	2. To answer your second question first, if TSD	ietermines
1A	that outside activities in the commerci	al electronics
1/7	field conflict in any way with his responsibilities with	the Division
	or are is any other way detrimental to the best interest	ets of the
	Agency, it is within the Division's administrative disc	retion to
1A	require to cease such activities. To rul	le on the legal-
1A	ity of outside activities requires the follows	
	information: With regard to the work for	2
1A	would the work done by involve any liaison fu	action with
	the Government and in particular with the Agency; are	there any
	security considerations, that is, is the technical know	. Lam anniind

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negative, this Office would find no actionable conflict of interest on \_\_\_\_\_\_ part in engaging in this activity and, therefore, would pose no legal objection to his continuing this work.

- J. With respect to the development of the transistorised receiver, the same considerations may be applied, that is, would \_\_\_\_\_\_ be using information obtainable only from his position in the Agency; would be be likely to be negotiating contracts with the Agency for such equipment; and would be be using Agency time for the perfection and/or manufacture of such equipment? Again, if the answers to these questions are negative, this Office would not object legally to his continuing such activity.
- 4. Generally speaking, in any case utilizing specialized knowledge which may have been gained through employment with the Agency, extreme caution must be exercised by the administrative official in approving or disapproving the employee's request for pursuing such outside activity. The legal question becomes material only after administrative approval of the employee's intended activity.

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